

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized method of ~~provisioning user preferences~~ comprising:

detecting, by a custom settings manager, a coupling of a consumer device to a home network;

remotely identifying a presumed user corresponding to an implied owner of the consumer device; ~~and~~

provisioning a user service available in the home network ~~configuring the device~~ according to user preferences associated with the identified presumed user; ~~and~~
configuring a shared home network access device according to the user preferences.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the consumer device includes a the user service.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises identifying the user by user usage patterns.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying ~~a user corresponding to the device~~ is determined by examining other devices and services on the network.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises identifying ~~the corresponding user to be~~ a user who has most recently used the consumer device.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim ~~[[2]]~~ 1, further comprising

unloading another service according to the user preferences.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim [[2]] 1, further comprising loading the service according to the user preferences of the identified user.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying comprises querying a data store which associates a set of consumer devices and identities of users of the set of consumer devices.

10. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium having executable instructions to cause a machine to perform a method comprising:

detecting, by a custom settings manager, a coupling of a consumer device to a home network;

remotely identifying a presumed user corresponding to an implied owner of the consumer device; ~~and~~

provisioning a user service available in the home network ~~configuring the device~~ according to user preferences associated with the identified presumed user; ~~and~~
configuring a shared home network access device according to the user preferences.

11. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the consumer device includes a service.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying comprises identifying the user by user usage patterns.

14. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying ~~a user corresponding to the device~~ is determined by examining other devices and services on the network.

15. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying comprises identifying ~~the corresponding user to be~~ a user who has most recently used the consumer device.

16. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium as set forth in claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, further comprising unloading another service according to the user preferences.

17. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium as set forth in claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, further comprising loading the service according to the user preferences of the identified user.

18. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 10 wherein the identifying comprises querying a data store which associates a set of consumer devices and identities users of the set of consumer devices.

19. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a consumer device;

a shared home network access device coupled to the consumer device;

a user profile comprising user preferences of a presumed user associated with an implied owner of the device; and

a custom setting manager that, in response to the device being coupled to ~~the~~ a home network, remotely identifies the user of the device, accesses the user profile, provisions a user service available in the home network, and configures ~~the device the~~ shared home network access device according to the user preferences.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the user is associated to the consumer device by user usage patterns.

21. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the user is associated to the consumer device by examining the other devices and services on the network.

22. (Original) The system of claim 19 wherein the user is associated to the last user of the consumer device.

23. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the user profile further comprises: an association between the user and the consumer device.

24. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising: a user manager to detect when the consumer device is coupled.

25. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a home network;

a shared home network access device coupled to the home network;

a plurality of consumer devices selectively coupled through the home network;

and

a custom settings manager configured to remotely identify a presumed user corresponding to an implied owner of the devices, to access user preferences associated with the user, to provision a user service available in the home network, and to selectively configure ~~the devices and~~ the shared home network access device based upon the user preferences.

26. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the identifying ~~the user~~ comprises identifying the user from the user usage patterns.

27. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the identifying ~~the user~~ comprises identifying the user by examining other devices and services currently coupled to the network.

28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25 wherein the identifying ~~the user~~ comprises identifying ~~the user to be~~ a user who has most recently used the consumer device.

29. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25 further comprising: a user manager that detects a coupling of a consumer device to the network.

30. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the identification is accomplished by querying a preferences database.

31. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the accessing and configuring are performed by a preference agent.

32. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 25 where the plurality of consumer devices includes a service, the service to be identified in the user preferences.